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the original of which goes enclosed, and whereby you will see, that his Majesty having nothing so much at heart as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign in North America and not Doubting that all his faithful and brave Subjects there will continue most chearfully to Co-operate with and second to the Utmost the large Expence and Extraordinary Succours supplied by the Kingdom of Great Britain for their Preservation and future Security; and his Majesty Considering that the several Provinces from Pensylvania inclusive to the Southward are well able, with proper Encouragements to furnish a Body of several Thousand Men to join the Kings Forces in those parts, for some offensive Operations against the Enemy; and his Majesty not judging it Expedient to limit the Zeal and Ardour of any of his Provinces by making a repartition of the Force to be raised by each respectively for this most important Service, he (M^r Secretary Pitt) is Comanded to signify to you the Kings Pleasure, that you do forthwith use your utmost endeavours and influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province, to induce them to raise with all Possible Dispatch within your Government as large a Body of Men as the Number and Scituation of its inhabitants may allow, (in the due performance of which service it is hoped and expected they will not again fail in their duty to the King, as they have done the two Last Campaigns) and forming the Same with regiments as far as shall be found Convenient that you do direct them to hold themselves in readiness as early as may be to march to the rendezvous at such place or Places as may be named for that purpose by the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in America or by the Officer who shall be Appointed to Command the Kings Forces in those parts in order to proceed from thence in Conjunction with a Body of his Majestys British Forces and under the supreme Command of the Officer to be Appointed as above so as to be in a Scituation to begin by the first of May if possible or as soon after as shall be any way Practicable such Offensive Operations as shall be judged by the Commander of his Majestys Forces in those parts most expedient for Annoying the Enemy.

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As the Kings Directions on the foregoing Subject are so fully stated in the above Abstract I have only to request that you would exert your utmost endeavours to encite and Encourage your Assembly to the full and due Execution of the Kings Commands in a matter so essential to the future Welfare and Prosperity of the several Provinces and the Success of the ensuing decisive and (it is greatly hoped) last Campaign in North America; Which desirable and cannot be better Attained than by Commencing the Operations as early as shall be Practicable; and that nothing may be left undone that it is possible for me to Attempt in the Execution of his Majestys Commands I must be urgent with you to quicken and expedite the